Montana Newsletter

Montana State Library

This "cover" page added by the Internet Archive for formatting purposes

S
020.978
L14m

Live With Books

MONTANA NEWSLETTER

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY

930 EAST LYNDALE AVENUE TELEPHONE 449-3004

PERIODICAL

1975

Montana State Library

3 0864 1004 2120 8

Vol. 9 October 13, 1975 No. 8

PEOPLE Martha Hassell, former Librarian at the Veterans Hospital at Fort Harrison, has accepted a part-time position as Biomedical Communications Development Librarian for Montana at Montana State Library. Mrs. Hassell is at MSL through a grant from the Pacific Northwest Helath Sciences Libraries, University of Washington, Seattle, and will continue the development planning begun by Mrs. Ethel Hill.

John Mason, Catalog Librarian, Montana Historical Society Library, Helena, has resigned his position to accept the position of Catalog Librarian at the University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia.

Phil Pence is the new Librarian at Carnegie Public Library in Lewistown. Mr. Pence was formerly on the staff of Lewis & Clark Library, Helena.

Mrs. Judith Hook is the new Librarian at the Sheridan Public Library, Sheridan. Mrs. Hook replaces Mrs. Florence Birrer, who has resigned. Mrs. Birrer is now a member of the Board of Trustees.

Nina Fenenbock has resigned her position as Librarian at Glasgow City-County Library.

Marie MacDonald has resigned the position of Librarian at Glendive Public Library. She was replaced by Millie Sullivan who has been on the staff for several years.

Other new Librarians in the state are: Barbara Wirkus, Columbia Falls Branch Library; Diann Seng, St. Regis Branch Library; Lela G. Benedict, Thompson-Hickman Library, Virginia City; Janice Sand, Roosevelt County Library, Wolf Point.

NEW EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS FOR MONTANANS Nine public libraries throughout the state: Great Falls Public Library; Lincoln County Free Library, Libby; Polson City Library; Glacier County Library, Cut Bank; William K. Kohrs Memorial Library, Deer Lodge; Glasgow City-County Library; Glendive Public Library; Livingston Public Library and Lewis & Clark Library, Helena, have been designated "learning centers" for the New Educational Horizons for Montanans program.

The program, currently sponsored by funds from the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, was developed by the continuing education programs at the University of Montana, Montana Tech and Montana State University.

The courses offered by the program may be taken within a group or on an individual basis and are available for credit on an optional basis.

For further information, contact any of the above libraries.

1976 GENERAL ELECTION Remember that the referendum to finance public library development through federations by a 1 mill tax on property will be on the ballot in November, 1976.

EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

The FY 1976 education appropriations act (HR 5901) became Public Law 94-94 on September 10, following congressional override of the President's July 25 veto. This is the bill which includes the appropriations for the Higher Education Act, LSCA and Elementary & Secondary Education Act.

Now that education appropriations have become law, the library programs administered by the U. S. Office of Education are no longer under the continuing resolution. And, accordingly, the status of LSCA funding is somewhat unclear. The deferral of LSCA was proposed by the administration "to keep first quarter funding spending at the budgeted level until the President and the Congress reach agreement on a final level of funding for this program for 1976." It is widely expected that the administration's next move will be to request Congress to rescind some or all of LSCA appropriations over the $10 million budget request. And the administration is expected, too, to request rescission of the entire HEA II and VI appropriations.

Assuming such a rescission message is transmitted to Congress, perhaps some time later this month, Congress would then have 45 days in which to approve the rescissions. If a recission is not approved, no action is required on the part of Congress, and after the 45 days elapse, the administration must then release the full appropriation. Under the present rules established by the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act (PL 93-344), there is no way that Congress can disapprove a rescission and force release of funds before the 45-day period has elapsed.

BOZEMAN FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

John Parker is president of the newly-formed Bozeman Friends of the Library.

Other members of the Friends are: Mrs. Mary El-Negoumy, Mrs. Robert Holter, Mrs. Kit Miller and Mrs. R. M. Lockwood.

BICENTENNIAL SPECIAL PROGRAM PACKAGE

The Gaylord/SirS Bicentennial Special Program Package for the American Issues Forum is available on loan from Montana State Library.

The package consists of 20 pages of guideline material outlining alternative kinds of program formats to make the Issues more meaningful; 63 articles divided among the nine Issues composed of material from the 18th, 19th and early 20th century; 10 pages of reference to materials helpful to the study of the Issues; a media section including a 15-minute cassette sound filmstrip to assist in explaining the Forum.

DOROTHY C. BRIDGMAN AWARD

Richard C. Peel, Coordinator of Special Services, Montana State Library, received the Montana Association for the Blind Dorothy C. Bridgman Award for Outstanding Service to the Blind of Montana, in Bozeman on July 16, 1975.

JOHN COTTON DANA AWARD

Entries for the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award Contest, 1975, must be received in New York by January 8, 1976.

The contest, sponsored jointly by the H. W. Wilson Company and the Public Relations Section of American Library Association's Library Administration Division, recognizes excellence in public relations programs of all types of libraries. Audio-visual and scrapbook entries are accepted.

Citations will be presented at the American Library Association Conference in Chicago in July, 1976.

Contact Montana State Library for entry forms.

PNLA CONFERENCE — The Pacific Northwest Library Association held its 1975 Conference at Huntley Lodge & Convention Center, Big Sky, Montana, August 17-20. The theme of the Conference was "You and the Shrinking Library Dollar."

Richard E. Moore, Southern Oregon College Library, Ashland, Oregon, received a plaque from the H. W. Wilson Company. The PNLA Quarterly was chosen as the outstanding professional periodical for 1974. Mr. Moore is editor of the Quarterly.

Honorary life memberships were awarded to Elizabeth Findly, University of Oregon Library School and Maryan Reynolds, Washington State Librarian.

NEW PUBLIC LIBRARIES — Four new public libraries have been formed since publication of the 1975 Library Directory. They are: Bigfork Area Library, Bigfork, Margaret Pontius, Librarian; Boulder Community Library, Boulder, M. Butcher, Librarian; Ennis Community Library, Ennis, Beth Pendleton, Librarian; John Gregory Memorial Library, Whitehall, Shirley Strand, Librarian.

1976 MLA CONFERENCE — Montana Library Association will meet in Helena May 6, 7 and 8, 1976.

POSTAL RATES — On July 6, 1975, postage increased for fourth class library rate from 6¢ to 7¢ for the first pound. Each additional pound remains at 3¢. Fourth class book rate increased from 18¢ to 19¢ for the first pound and each additional pound increased from 8¢ to 9¢.

The Postal Rate Commission's chief administrative law judge has recommended increases over the years in the book rate that would result in a charge of 40¢ for the first pound and 20¢ for each additional pound. The recommended increase in library rate is 29¢ for the first pound and 14¢ for each additional pound.

The American Library Association, the Association of American Publishers and others have filed protests against the increases. If the decision is allowed to stand, it would cost a library 60¢ for postage alone to receive a 1½ pound book from a publisher, and 43¢ for one library to send a 1½ pound book to another library or to a patron.

COMMERCE BUSINESS DAILY — Montana State Library has all issues of the Commerce Business Daily from May 30, 1974, to date.

The synopsis is of particular value to firms interested in bidding on U. S. Government purchases, surplus property offered for sale, or in seeking subcontract opportunities from prime contractors. It lists current information received daily from military and civilian procurement offices.

LOCAL HISTORY BIBLIOGRAPHY — The Local History Committee of Montana Library Association is sponsoring the compilation of a bibliography of published local histories of towns, counties or regions of Montana.

Materials from the Montana collections of the Historical Society, the University of Montana and Montana State University are being used.

Rough drafts of the bibliography have been distributed to 12 major libraries in the state for additions or corrections. A complete, indexed bibliography should be available by next spring.

COLLEGE RESOURCES GRANTS

The Office of Education, Region VIII, Denver, has announced that the following post-secondary schools in Montana have received a $3,918 grant under the College Library Resources Program, HEA, IIA:

Carroll College, Helena
College of Great Falls, Great Falls
Dawson College, Glendive
Eastern Montana College, Billings
Flathead Valley Community College, Kalispell
Miles Community College, Miles City
Missoula Technical Center, Missoula
Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, Butte
Montana State University, Bozeman
Northern Montana College, Havre
Rocky Mountain College, Billings

1975-76 LSCA FUNDS

The Montana State Library Advisory Council and the Montana State Library Commission have endorsed the use of 1975-76 LSCA funds in the amount of $189,394 for use in a statewide federation demonstration program.

The Statewide federation demonstration program would be centered at headquarters libraries of the federations. The purpose is to provide a demonstration of how federation library service works. A liaison librarian would be located at each federation headquarters to work with those libraries who have not participated in federations and to demonstrate the advantages of system membership. Reference and interlibrary loan services would be channeled through the federation headquarters. Workshops and training sessions would be provided by headquarters' staffs. Rotating book collections, program suggestions and services would be shared.

Since notification of the LSCA funds came after the preparation of the State Library's budget, it will be necessary to ask for a budget amendment to permit the expenditure of these funds for this program. The State Office of Budget and Program Planning has approved the request and it will be considered at the October meeting of the Legislative Finance Committee. It is designed that the demonstration program would precede the statewide referendum to be held at the November, 1976, general election permitting a statewide levy of one mill for public libraries in federations. The federation system of library service is suited to Montana because it permits the sharing of resources and services without loss of local autonomy.

MISSOULA CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY WORKSHOP

A service workshop was held at Missoula City-County Library on August 8, 1975. LaVern Kohl, General Services Coordinator, and Lynne Stevenson, Interlibrary Loan Librarian, Montana State Library, led discussions on library service and communication with patrons.

Alma S. Jacobs, State Librarian, led a discussion of Missoula City-County's becoming a federation headquarters.

STATE GOVERNMENT WORKSHOP

The Montana Energy Advisory Council and the Montana State Library reference staff conducted a workshop on energy-related research and reference material available through Montana State Library on June 27, 1975.

Those taking part were James Nybo, Energy Research Coordinator, MEAC; LaVern Kohl, MSL; Lynne Stevenson, MSL; Connie Manson, Reference Librarian, MSL; Harold Chambers, Documents Librarian, MSL; and Cathy Boyd, Old West Regional Commission.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN WORKSHOP

An interlibrary loan workshop was held September 26, 1975, at Montana State Library for interlibrary loan librarians and federation coordinators.

Those presenting information were: Martha Hassell, Biomedical Communications Development Librarian for Montana, on health sciences requests; Molly Mattison, Reference Librarian, Billings Public Library, on using Billings' fiction collection; Sue Littlepage, Reference Librarian, Great Falls Public Library, on using Great Falls' genealogy collection; Mary Conklin, Interlibrary Loan Clerk, Lewis & Clark Library, on using the Lewis & Clark children's collection; Harriett Meloy, Librarian, Montana Historical Society Library, on using the Montana collection; Lynne Stevenson, Interlibrary Loan Librarian, MSL, on using the State Library for documents and subject requests.

Barbara Brazington, Interlibrary Loan Librarian, University of Montana, and Kay Carey, Interlibrary Loan Librarian, Montana State University, also participated. Alberta Titus, Administrative Officer, MSL, discussed statistics. Lura Currier, Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center Director, discussed using PNBC as a substitute for the Montana Union Catalog. Darlene Preble, Montana representative on the PNBC staff, was introduced.

MINE

Montana Information Network Exchange (MINE) is working well. MINE provides a method of sharing library resources of Montana with all its citizens, regardless of location or library. The TWX communication system established between federation headquarters at Glasgow, Great Falls, Miles City, Billings and Libby, the Universities at Bozeman and Missoula and the State Library provides a rapid and efficient method of transmitting requests and materials. MINE eliminates the barriers of geography, size and type of library that would otherwise restrict the library user to his local collection.

NCLIS PUBLICATIONS

The following reports and studies published by the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science are available for loan from Montana State Library:

United States. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. Annual report to the President and the Congress, 1973-74. Washington, D. C., Government Printing Office, 1975.

United States. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. Toward a national program for library and information services: goals for action. Washington, D. C., Government Printing Office, 1975.

Library and information service needs of the nation; proceedings of a conference on the needs of occupational, ethnic, and other groups in the United States. Washington, D. C., Government Printing Office, 1974.

Palmour, Vernon E., Marcia C. Bellassai and Nancy K. Roderer. Resources and bibliographic support for a nationwide library program: final report to the National Commission for Libraries and Information Sciences. Washington, D. C., Government Printing Office, 1974.

HARLEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

The new Harlem Public Library was dedicated on June 1, 1975. Mr. John H. Stephens, Chairman, Blaine County Board of Commissioners, was master of ceremonies. Alene Cooper, Coordinator, Pathfinder Federation of Libraries and Alma Jacobs, State Librarian, also spoke. The attractive new library, located centrally in downtown Harlem, was built with revenue sharing funds, and is a tribute to Librarian, Dorothy Brower, and her trustees.

PEOPLE

Mr. Maurice Knutson, formerly Librarian of the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station Service in Portland, is the new Librarian of the Veterans Administration Center, Fort Harrison, Montana.

Charlotte Day is the new Reference Librarian at MSL. Charlotte graduated from the University of Denver in May, 1974. She was formerly Cataloger at the Medford Public Library, Medford, Massachusetts. Charlotte replaces Connie Manson, who has resigned to accept a WICHE internship with the Department of Economic Planning and Development, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Mary Moore is the new Reference Librarian at Lewis & Clark Library, Helena. Mary was formerly Document's Cataloger at the University of Montana, Missoula. She received her MLS from Drexel University in the fall of 1962.

New Children's Librarian at Lewis & Clark Library is Janet Adams. She received her MLS from the University of Denver in 1975.

MONTANIANA

Huntsberger, Eleanor Fraser. Mouth full of toes, illustrated by Sallie Maclay Brutto. New York, Carlton Press, 1975.

Musselshell Valley Pioneer Club, Montana. Musselshell Valley History Committee. Horizons o'er the Musselshell. The Club, 1974.

Karlin, Jules A. Joseph M. Dixon of Montana. Missoula, University of Montana, 1974.

Alma S. Jacobs, State Librarian